



# MEETING THE PROJECT MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE

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# Biography

## Gerald Maxwell

### New Business Manager for Space Transportation Directorate NASA MSFC

Jerry Maxwell has over 25 years of government service. The current NASA assignment is in the Propulsion Research Center where he assists with new nuclear propulsion technologies. Prior to this position, he was the Marshall Space Flight Center Project Manager developing the required hardware and interfaces enabling the Canadian Space Agency robotic arm (Canadarm 2) to be carried in the space shuttle and installed on the space station. His first assignment at NASA was being the Assistant Mission Manager of the ATLAS-1, ATLAS-2, and ATLAS-3 missions where he interacted with over 10 nations and DoD to study the atmosphere of the earth and sun. He has also been the Assistant Mission Manager for Starlab and the Mission Manager of ATLAS-4 prior to it being cancelled.

Jerry has been with NASA for over 13 years and prior to that he worked as a contractor with Teledyne Brown Engineering for almost five years. He started his government career in the active duty Air Force and he is currently a Colonel in the Air Force Reserves serving in the AF Research Laboratory Air Vehicles Directorate as its Assistant Director. He supervises the Air Force Reservists assigned to the Directorate, provides an expert opinion on space related activities to the Air Force, and is the Directorate's assigned liaison to NASA/MSFC. His background in civil service, contractor and active duty/reserves military proves a unique experience data base.

Jerry has a BS and MS in Chemistry, an MBA and all but a dissertation completed for his doctorate. He also has over 50 published papers.



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